

RESPONSIBILITY.

Out of the window my bird doth fly,
Far beyond reach of my vision's strain,
Bolted he sails to the bright blue sky,
Yet will he come back to me again.
Back to my loving and outstretched hand,
Back to my nurture and my command.
Without a sigh
I see him fly.
He will come back to me by and by!

Out from my bosom a thought doth fly,
Over the ocean it sails afar,
Where blossoming shores in sweet rapture lie,
Through the wide heavens from star to star,
Or midst the shades of the silent strand,
Yet heeds my bidding and my command.
I ask him why
It seeks to fly.
It will come back to me by and by!

Out from the precious and scanty dole
Time measures me, golden moments fly,
They speed to their destined goal,
Bearing me to my appointed day.
Flown are the winged and shining band,
Never to hearken to my command.
I ask him why
It seeks to fly.
It will come back to me by and by!

—Zitella Cuckie in Youth's Companion.

A Good City For Fakirs.

The fakir was selling handkerchiefs on the street corner when a reporter happened along.

"Buy a fine linen handkerchief," said the fakir, with a familiar wink. "They're worth 25 cents of any man's money, but you can have one for a dime."

"Where did you get them?" inquired the reporter.

"An Irish friend of mine died and willed them to me. That's how I can sell them so cheap."

"Is this your first place of selling?"

"No. I was in Toledo last week."

"Sell any there?"

A look of disgust passed over the fakir's face.

"That's a jay town," he said. "They don't use handkerchiefs down there except to frame them and hang in their parlors."

"Didn't you get any money out of the town at all?"

"Money?" queried the fakir. "Money? Why, friend, a Toledo dollar is worth \$17.25 anywhere else in the country, and you can't find one except in a dime museum. Go down there some time and try to separate one from a Toledo man and see for your self," and the fakir stopped talking to sell a dozen handkerchiefs. —Detroit Free Press.

Where Humanity Breeds.

We cannot believe that nature takes so much pains to organize into a sort of automatic mechanism such large portions of our life if that process does not tend to stimulate the growth of the gentler affections and to give the heart and soul a liberty and spontaneity of insight they could not otherwise acquire.

Even the sharp Yankee enjoys the perfectly useless whittling of a stick for the purpose of soothing his mind with the mere appearance of work while his active wits are engaged in pondering the next attack he shall make on the witless world. We can well understand how a useful occupation which is purely humdrum and makes no draft upon the attention soothes the mind while it muses on the growing needs of children or friends, or on the strange medley of human joys and griefs and hopes and wants. —London Spectator.

Knowledge Born of Experience.

Judge Kellen was for many years police judge of St. Louis. An old Irish woman was often before him in consequence of her too great fondness for whiskey. One Monday morning she was called up and the clerk read the charge. "Mary O'Brien, found drunk in the street." "What plea do you want to enter, Mary?" said the judge. "Well, yer honor," said Mary, "I'll not be pldin' at all to that charge. It's too general; it don't say what strafe." The court had the charge amended after inquiring of the policeman who made the arrest what street he had found Mary on, and good humoredly let her off with a small fine as a compliment to her knowledge of pleading, acquired by her long experience in his court. —San Francisco Argonaut.

Good Returns For Capital Invested.

Mr. W. W. Oulless, R. A., tells a capital story of the time when he was painting John Bright's portrait.

One day John Bright said to him when sitting: "Now, what does it cost to set an artist up in business? I suppose a \$10 or \$20 note would do it?"

Mr. Oulless replied, "Oh, yes."

"Well," said John Bright, "I think you ought to consider yourself a very lucky young fellow to earn \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year on a \$20 plant." —London Tit-Bits.

AUNT MASIE, THE SNAKE WOMAN.

Death of a Queer Creature Who Lived in a Hut With Hundreds of Snakes.

There has recently died a well-known character of this neighborhood known as "Aunt Masie Higgins," or the "snake woman," who lived an isolated life, with snakes as her only friends. She had built herself a hovel, composed of branches of trees, clay and other debris, which, though often washed down by the rains, she would build up again. This novel residence is said to have been fairly alive with snakes of every local variety, hanging from overhead, lying under foot and creeping from the chinks in the wall. The woman subsisted on the products of a small garden near her cabin, which she cultivated herself. With the exception of the necessary intercourse with those from whom she purchased the few things she required, she was never known to leave her hut, with the exception of any conversation with any human being. She could often be met after dark walking through the town with her strange companions, twined about her arms, her neck and nestling in her bosom, with their heads protruding, hissing at every one that passed.

On these occasions, however, when hailed or questioned she would make no reply. Once some boys of the neighborhood, growing about her cabin found several of the snakes on the outside and killed them, and before they were aware of it Aunt Masie appeared in the doorway armed with a shotgun, which she let fly at the crowd. None of the boys was killed, but one of them was shot through the ear, and the rest scattered in a hurry. That the woman's mind was affected there seems little doubt. Her only son while out hunting in the woods was bitten by a rattlesnake, and she afterward his swollen and discolored body was found. This appeared to craze his mother, who left her home, saying the snakes were calling her to come and live with them and that they would give her back her boy.

She is said to have come of a good family and to have been well educated. When discovered, she had been dead for days, and the snakes were crawling over the body, but fled on the appearance of strangers and have not been seen near the cabin since. By those who have seen her surrounded by her queer adopted family it has been estimated that there must have been at least 200 of them, numbering among them several venomous varieties. The woman did not claim to have charmed them, as the saying is, but it is probable that her perfect fearlessness tamed them. —Okolona (Miss) Cor. Philadelphia Times.

In the early days of the ice trade in London most of the ice came from Wenham lake, Massachusetts, and it is still known by that name, though it comes from Norway.

The first government document ever issued from a printing press in Siam was an edict of the king in 1839 prohibiting the importation of opium.

Among the articles of diet relished by the natives of Siam are snails, crocodile eggs, ants, silkworms and horse beef.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Telescopes were first made by Jansen in 1590.

Rochester has a company of deaf mute soldiers.

Europe now imports every year 600,000 tons of meat.

Ceylon has cinnamon plantations covering 36,000 acres.

In the rock of Gibraltar there are 70 miles of tunnels.

The Union Pacific railroad crosses nine mountain ranges.

The Chinese live longer than people of any other nation.

The anchors of the steamship Campania weigh 8½ tons each.

Either I will find a way or I will make one. —Sir P. Sidney.

Rembrandt's father is said to have been a miller and farmer.

A teaspoonful of microbes contains over 4,000,000 individuals.

In all countries more marriages take place in June than in any other month.

The queen of Corea has a lady physician who gets a salary of \$15,000 yearly.

The most prolific of opera composers was Piccini. He wrote over 200 operas.

A rattlesnake in the zoo at Atlanta has not eaten anything since last August.

Unbearable boorishness can be changed to leonine eccentricity by the acquisition of wealth.

Marshal Bessieres was a farmer's boy, and after enlisting as a private rose from the ranks.

Southern Pacific locomotives will soon use for fuel bricks made of coal dust and asphaltum.

Celluloid is paper chemically treated, reduced again to pulp and then molded into its final form.

Some characters are like the black billiard ball—not black, but called so because of one black spot.

We are haunted by an ideal life, and it is because we have within us the beginning and the possibility of it. —Phillips Brooks.

A man going shopping with his wife is usually a most woebegone looking object. His face always bears upon it the marks of despair.

Perhaps you have heard of "Spartacus to the Gindifators." Its author, the Rev. Elijah Kellogg, still preaches at Harpswell, Me., although over 80.

A Beverly (Mass.) man was fined \$5 for slapping his wife in the face and \$15 for assaulting the policeman who arrested him. There seems to be something wrong with the Beverly police court's tariff.

Getting Information In Congress.

Stewart L. Woodford was a member of congress from Brooklyn not long after the war. He was one of the sensible chaps who didn't know it all at the beginning.

For a month or so early in the session he had to spend a great deal of time in the department, and so he looked around for somebody to keep him headed right on the rare occasions when he appeared in the house.

There was a very shrewd looking person who frequently occupied a seat near by, and Woodford was so struck by his appearance that he got in the habit of asking his advice whenever in doubt about a question.

One day he strolled in during a recess call just before his name was reached. He didn't know what was up, but his unknown friend, as usual, told him how to vote.

When the result was announced, he discovered to his chagrin that he had voted against most of the other members of his party. That worried him a little, but he kept mum, and sure enough a few days later it appeared that he had voted right and that the other fellows were wrong.

Then it occurred to him to find out the name of the far seeing member who always knew about everything and never took any part in debate. So he turned to a friend for information.

"What is his name?" repeated his friend in response to the question. "Why, my dear fellow, he is not a member at all. He is the clerk of the postoffice committee."

Woodford tells this tale himself, so it must be true. —New York Recorder.

Decorative Iron Work.

The decoration of wrought iron work of a decorative character has increased very much in the last few years, and some of the gates, grilles and railings now turned out in this country are of artistic excellence that has never been surpassed, according to many of the best judges. The tools used are of the simplest nature—a hammer, pliers, pinchers, chisels and gravers, and the quality of the work depends on the skill of the smith. The operation of making a little spiral or 4 or 5 inches long will show the nature of the work. The smith heats up a bar of iron and then hammers it for a few seconds. By repeating this a second time the bar is considerably elongated and tapered off at the end until it resembles a rat's tail.

After a third heating it is rounded over the nose of the anvil by a series of light quick blows of the hammer. By repeated heating and hammering additional curves are produced, until finally all the spirals are hammered into a tight coil like the convolutions of a small shell. The pinchers are then brought into play, coils are forced apart and drawn out until they form a tapering spiral. A deft touch of the pliers on the rat tail point gives it its exact kink, and the object is complete. All the work is done by eye, and the entire operation takes but three or four minutes. —New York Telegram.

Agricultural Implements For Europe.

The export of agricultural implements to European countries is steadily on the increase. To Great Britain and Germany there is an increase of about 20 per cent within two years. To the Argentine Republic the exports have quadrupled. Our reapers and self binders are lighter of draft, neater and about 25 per cent cheaper than the English article. In plows the English makers do not properly chill the points, and this renders their iron brittle. It is said that Americans could extend their trade in plows if they would adopt the iron beamed style so much used abroad. Wagons and buggies cannot be sold abroad unless they have an "undercut." Otherwise we make the correct article. —Hardware.

Photographing Wild Animals.

The Duke of Newcastle's specialty in amateur photography is to secure portraits of rare wild animals in their native surroundings. He is traveling in quest of these with Mr. Gambier Bolton, a member of the Royal Geographical society and well known as one of the most expert amateur photographers of animals in the world. The two proceeded from the World's fair to California, where one of their chief objects is to photograph the big sea lions on the cliffs, stealing up to them from off shore on a tug. —London Tit-Bits.

A Sensitive Child.

A little Buffalo girl visiting in the country was stung by a bee. She didn't seem to mind the pain so very much, but as her disposition was sensitive she ran sobbing to her mother with the statement, "I don't see what he did it for, 'cause I hadn't done a thing to him." —Buffalo Courier.

Wants Some Satisfaction.

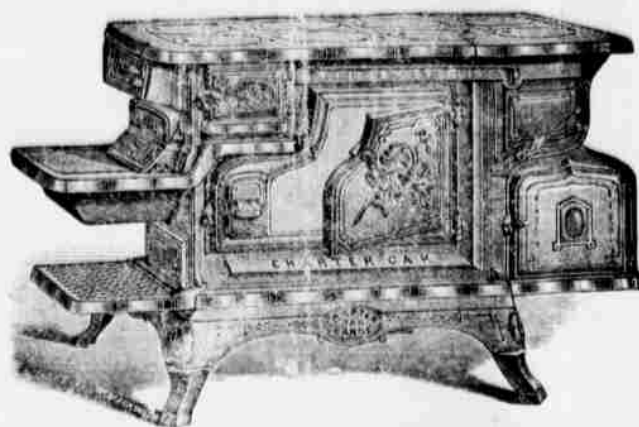
Employer—You are late again this morning.

Tardy Clerk—What difference does it make? You say I do nothing all day.

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